



# COUNTY LINES

DECEMBER  
2003



## TCOB MEETINGS

### Commissioners

12/1	10:00 am	Tippecanoe Room
12/15	10:00 am	Tippecanoe Room
12/29	10:00 am	Tippecanoe Room (Claims Only)

### Council (NOTICE DATE CHANGE)

12/16	11:30 pm	Tippecanoe Room Special Meeting w/Legislators
12/16	2:00 pm	Tippecanoe Room

### Department Heads

12/10	Noon	Tippecanoe Room
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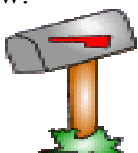
### TEC

12/2	Noon	Grand Prairie Rm
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COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED:  
12/24 @ Noon  
12/25 and 12/26

## IMPORTANT MAIL TIPS:

- **Always** put the attention line on top -- **never** below the city and state or in the bottom corner of your mailpiece.
- If you can't fit the suite or apartment number on the same line as the delivery address, put it on the line **ABOVE** the delivery address, **NOT** on the line below.



## from THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE...

The function of our office in Tippecanoe County is to prosecute violation of the laws of the State of Indiana. We receive police reports from all five area police agencies and occasionally work with the FBI or other State and Federal agencies. These cases are reviewed for the preparing of charges. The office is divided into two parts, criminal and child support.

In addition to the Prosecutor and Chief Deputy, there are eighteen deputy prosecutors who are divided into specific areas of prosecution. We have two deputy prosecutors that do intake of felony police reports and make the decision on what charges should be filed. Our office has two deputies that handle major felony drug prosecutions. One deputy prosecutes all of the sex crimes and crimes against children. Two deputies handle other felony crimes such as burglary, robbery, forgeries, theft and felony driving offenses. The Prosecutor and the Chief Deputy Prosecutor handle the more serious crimes, such as murder. We have two deputies that handle the juvenile prosecutions. In Superior 4, 5 and 6, the seven deputies cover cases such as traffic violations (including OWI), bad checks, domestic batteries, theft, public intoxication, minor consuming, and other lesser crimes.

There is a staff of seven investigators that assist the deputy prosecutors by doing further investigation and preparing cases for trial. There is also an investigator who specializes in the investigations of drug crimes and administers polygraph examinations.

We have three Victim Assistance employees who deal with the victims of all crimes, guiding them to the services that are available as well as understanding the criminal process, being supportive and helping them through the trials.

The office has one paralegal that helps with research and obtaining certified records. She also oversees the four legal interns that help with the preparing of charges.

There is a staff of six secretaries and one receptionist who make the office run.

The Child Support side of the office has two deputy prosecutors, one investigator, an administrative assistant, eight caseworkers and one receptionist. One of the caseworkers is placed at the Division of Family and Children to help with the intake of cases. This office pursues the absent parent to establish paternity and obtain child support for the children who are in need of our services. It only costs \$25.00 to join the program. Collections last year exceeded \$6.7 million dollars.

We're sorry to see Norris Wang leave, as he has been appointed Magistrate. He has been a loyal, reliable employee and good friend. However, help us make feel welcome the recent additions to the office: Linda Nearing and Don VanderMoere in Child Support and Greg Loyd in Superior 6.

Happy Holidays!

## CARY HOME WISH LIST

### Personal Items:

men's socks  
sweat pants and shirts (M,L,XL,XXL)  
men's gloves, hats and coats  
hooded sweatshirts  
men's slippers (sizes 8-13)  
men's dress shirts and dress pants (M,L,XL,XXL)  
clock radios (no cassette or CD players)  
30 and 60 minute phone cards

### Recreational Items:

DVD/VHS rated G or PG  
movie passes  
video rental certificates  
biography / autobiography books  
work gloves, books, and overalls for Horse Program

### Facility Items

paper towels  
10 new beds, dressers and desks\*  
shower curtains (6)  
twin comforters, blankets, sheets and mattress pads  
\*If you wish to donate these items, please check with Rebecca Humphrey, Executive Director of Cary Home for Children, as these items have to meet regulation and safety requirements.

**BIG WISHES: Mini Van!!!**

Questions, call 474-4616.



## BOOK EXCHANGE

A few employees have a fun idea of establishing a book exchange. The Commissioners approve of the idea and we are currently looking for bookshelves. The employee lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of TCOB will be the site. Until we find shelving more suitable, we will use an old microwave cart, which is already in place. The following guidelines will apply:

- ✓ Any County employee may donate or borrow books.
- ✓ Borrow one or two books at a time.
- ✓ Return books as soon as possible.
- ✓ If you would like to leave a comment for others (regarding the book), write it on a post-it inside the back cover.

More information to follow.



FYI: At this moment, Tippecanoe County employees have contributed/pledged \$5,265.02 to the 2003 United Way campaign! Look for a couple of "special events" in the New Year. Christa Coffey, Chief Deputy Clerk, has some great ideas regarding fundraising projects that other organizations have found successful.

Collection boxes for the Women's Shelter will be located in the Commissioners' Office and the Prosecutor's Office from 12/2 until 12/24. See Kris Emerson's email or call 166.

*As we near the end of 2003 and count our blessings,  
the Commissioners and Staff send their wishes for  
a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*

